



Wildland/Urban Interface

CONCEPT

Land management issues arise in areas of a wildland/urban interface. Some of these issues can begin to be addressed using conflict resolution techniques.

OBJECTIVE

Students will be able to explain a wildland/urban interface and describe the problems and stakeholders involved in issues related to areas of wildland/urban interface.

METHOD

Have students work in groups to read through their handout and answer the questions on their investigation worksheet.

MATERIALS

–Student Handout
–Student Investigation Worksheet

DURATION

1 – 2 class sessions

Procedure

1. Ask the students to read the *Wildland/Urban Interface* handout.
2. Discuss the issues surrounding wildland/urban interface including: prescribed burns, wildlife corridors, Native American sacred grounds and non-native plants.
3. Ask students to read the scenario on their *12–Student Investigation Worksheet*. Have them answer the questions using their own perspective of the problems and issues.
4. Have students present their answers.
5. Discuss with the students:
 - The many stakeholders involved when dealing with Santa Monica Mountains environmental issues.
 - The strategies for conflict resolution involving the stakeholders.
 - The issues surrounding prescribed burns such as the one in Bandelier, New Mexico.

Video Connections

Oakland Firestorm

Extensions

Assign groups to choose a stakeholder to represent. Groups discuss their point of view from that of their stakeholder. Share their responses to the issue with the class.

Key Words

Issue

Risk

Values

Landscaping

Stakeholder

Wildfire

Precaution

Strategy

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